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## **Arizona House of Representatives**

**Representative Mark Finchem (R-11)** 

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## Rep. Finchem Calls for Legislative Hearings on ASU Personnel Records Leak

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Mark Finchem (R-11) today called on the Legislature to hold hearings on the leak of sensitive personnel records by Arizona State University (ASU).

Paris Dennard recently filed a notice of claim with the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) accusing ASU of leaking an investigative report that was part of his personnel records. According to media reports, the report was given to the Washington Post by an anonymous ASU official.

"ASU's release of this personnel report raises many questions that need to be answered," said Representative Finchem. "Who had access to this information? Who, if anyone, authorized its release? What steps has ASU taken to ensure that personnel records are kept secure? What steps has ASU taken to safeguard personnel records to prevent such a security breach in the future? What disciplinary action has been taken against the person or persons involved in the information breach?"

"ABOR also needs to explain what, if anything, they are doing to supervise the review of personnel records security policies. We already know that the individual who released this report has committed a crime, and we need to know whether or not the Arizona taxpayers will be liable for damages as a result of this security breach."

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